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South Carolina Medicaid Director Addresses United States House Subcommittee
Tony Keck to testify at hearing on Medicaid reform on Wednesday

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tony Keck, Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), will testify at the Subcommittee on Health of the United States House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on Medicaid reform on Wednesday, June 12 at 10 a.m.

Director Keck will speak to the Subcommittee on the challenges states face in providing quality health services for their citizens and implementing true health reform. Other witnesses will include Seema Verma with Strategic Health Policy and Joe Thompson, Surgeon General for the State of Arkansas.

“I believe there is a developing bi-partisan interest among states for flexibility to manage programs locally in exchange for more accountability for improved health and more predictability in expenditures,” says Keck. “With the support of Governor Haley’s administration, SCDHHS is working toward this goal utilizing a three-pillar strategy of payment reform, clinical integration and innovative health programs that target hotspots of poor health and disparity.”

The hearing titled, “The Need for Medicaid Reform: A State Perspective,” is part of the committee’s ongoing efforts to review the Medicaid program’s current weaknesses and identify strategies for real health reform.

The hearing webcast will be available live at <http://energycommerce.house.gov/studio>.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides health care benefits to more than 1.1 million South Carolinians. Its mission is to purchase the most health for our citizens in need at the least possible cost to the taxpayer.

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